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Dear Member.

I draw your attention to forthcoming events and other matters.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Forty-first Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in the Waverley Hotel, Perth, on Tuesday, 8th February, 1977, commencing at 4 p.m. when I trust it will be convenient for you to attend. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts will be sent to you in due course.

ANNUAL SUPPER/DANCE.

The Society's Annual Supper/Dance will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 8th February, 1977, in the City Mills Hotel, Perth at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Tickets, price £4.25 will be available shortly and Members are particularly requested to make early application so that I may advise the Hotel of the numbers likely to be in attendance. In any event no tickets will be available after 1 p.m. on Monday 7th February, 1977.

Kindly note that tickets must be brought with you as they will be collected at Supper.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Annual Subscription of £5.00 is now due and I enclose a slip for use of those Members where applicable. I would again remind Members that the day to day working of the Society depends on the prompt payment of Subscriptions.

HERD BOOK.

The Herd Book Year Letter for the period 1st January, 1977 to 31st December, 1977 is "N".

"BEEF SHORTHORN RECORD".

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Members who reserved advertising space in this year's issue of "The Record". Without such support the magazine would be a very expensive item.

In order to further reduce costs I would request those Members who do not use this medium of advertising to give serious consideration to doing so in the next issue.

FEBRUARY SHOW AND SALE, 1977 - PERTH.

Will be held on 8th and 9th February, 1977. As of date 64 Bulls and 14 Females will be coming forward.

Following the termination of the Bull Licensing Scheme, steps must be taken to ensure that the standard of Bulls offered for sale under the auspices of the Society is maintained.

With this in view, the Directors recommend:-

- (1) That all Bulls offered at the Society's Sales over 12 months of age must be inspected by a Veterinery Officer and certified as sound in health and suffering from no physical disability. (At the Sale in February, 1977, some of the younger Bulls may not have been Licensed under the Statutory Bull Licensing Schemes, and the new arrangement will apply).
- (2) That all Bulls forward at the Society's Sales in February and October should be inspected by a Panel appointed by the Directors. Any Bull not approved by the Inspection Panel will be excluded from the Sale.

Your Directors wish to emphasise the importance of bringing only Bulls of a high standard to the Sales. If you wish to make any proposals or suggestions relative to these recommendations, please submit them to the Secretary before 4th January, 1977.

MARCH SHOW AND SALE, 1977 - PERTH.

Will be held on 17th March, 1977, closing date for entries being 15th February, 1977.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL FATSTOCK SHOW.

Mr. Wm. McGowan, Fingask, won the Championship in the Shorthorn Breed Classes with Fingask Lindsay by Pennan Nimbus (P) out of Fingask Princess Fiona.

ROYAL SMITHFIELD SHOW.

As usual many of the cross bred entries had Shorthorn blood in them. Both the Supreme Champion Steer and the Reserve Supreme Champion Steer were out of a Cross Shorthorn dam, as was also the Champion Senior Steer. That there is a need for Shorthorns is thus most effectively substantiated.

OVER-ALL CHAMPION SHORTHORNS AT LOCAL SHOWS.

At the Angus & Fife Shows, Scotsdale Havelock (P) from Mr. Wm. McGowen won the over-all Beef Breed Championship, and at Alyth Pennan Neptune (P) from Mr. J.H. Dewhurst won a similar award.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

In addition to the recognised Public Holidays this office will be closed on Friday 24th and the morning of 29th December.

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Secretary.